

South Dakota Board of Education
Department of Education
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in the Sullivan Health Center, Room 243, Southeast Technical Institute, 2320 North Career Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D. on May 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. CDT, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed administrative rules numbered:

§§ 24:43:01:01, 24:43:08:12, 24:43:11:09 and 24:05:01 through 24:05:35 inclusive,

The effect of the rules is to define a course equivalency exam, to require a state approved end or course exam for all waived courses, to create guidelines for the administration of the course equivalency exam, and to update the Special Education rules to assure they are aligned clearly with changes to IDEA.

The reason for adopting the proposed amended rules is to assure that students taking waived courses meet the rigor and standards of courses offered at the high school level, to clarify the procedures for using a course equivalency exam for purposes of testing out of a class, and to assure that the rules for Special Education are updated and reflect current practice.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Department of Education, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Education by May 18, 2007 in order to be considered.

After the hearing, the board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The board may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Education at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3426.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the Internet at <http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/board/schedule.asp> or from the Department of Education, South Dakota Board of Education, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2291